

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Device for production of an upper anchorage for prefabricated steps (2) for ~~the~~ a pool of a swimming pool, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~comprising at least one element (4), ~~the cross section of which is formed such as~~shaped to act as a spout for casting concrete, the ~~said~~ at least one element(s) (4) co-operating firstly with support means (6) ~~which can be connected to the steps, and secondly with posts (5) for support on the ground, the~~ at least one element(s) (4) ~~being designed to surround the~~surrounding an -upper part of ~~the~~an outer surface of the steps (2).
2. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one element(s) (4) is ~~(are)~~ in communication with the posts (5) which posts are hollow for casting the concrete.
3. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one element(s) (4) has ~~(have)~~ positioning fixtures, for centring and abutment of the posts (5).
4. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the support means (6) ~~consist of~~comprise flanges or load-bearing fixtures which ~~have a cross section formed such that they can be clipped onto the~~an upper level of the steps (2), and ensure the support of the at least one element(s) (4).
5. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one element(s) (4) has ~~(have)~~ a squared transverse cross section, ~~the~~a horizontal wing of which ~~can be positioned such that it is supported against the outer surface of the steps.~~

6. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 4 ~~characterized in that~~wherein the flanges or load-bearing fixtures (6) ~~delimit~~ a transverse cross section substantially in the form of a "U" or an "L".
7. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it has~~having a plurality of elements (4), ~~the~~ transverse ends of which have imbrication fixtures with an adjacent element in order to ensure continuity.
8. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein a horizontal wing of each element (4) has a profiled support edge which corresponds to ~~the~~ profile of the outer surface of the steps, ~~the~~and a vertical wing ~~consisting of~~comprising two shoulders which are disposed angularly.
9. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 3 ~~or Claim 4, characterized in that~~wherein the positioning fixtures of the elements (4) ~~for positioning, centring and abutment of the posts (5) are disposed in the~~ horizontal wing of the at least one element at ~~the~~ level of the intersection of the two shoulders, ~~which are disposed angularly, of a vertical wing of the~~ at least one element.
10. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein after being connected to the steps, (2), ~~the~~ at least one element(s) (4) is ~~(are)~~ in continuity with an upper anchorage (3) provided by panels (1) ~~which can constitute of the pool of the swimming pool.~~